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CELEBRATING THE FORD MUSTANG

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Introduction

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. This newsletter will chronicle the activities of the *Hoosier Mustang Club* that has its members centered in and around Columbus, Indiana. Articles for this newsletter will showcase the Ford Mustang both within and outside of our club. We hope you enjoy reading the *Hoosier Pony Times*.

HMC "Feature Car"

This month's "Feature Car" is the car owned by our current club Treasurer, Frank Bayles and his wife Sandy.

See the full article of this feature car on pages 3 & 4 of this edition of the

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Mustang Generations

The 7th Generation (2024-2026) S650



Ford unveiled the **seventh-generation Mustang (S650)** in September 2022 for the 2024 model year. While staying on a rear-wheel-drive platform, it retained classic proportions but with sharper lines and digital technology. Inside, the Mustang now features a driver-focused cockpit with a customizable digital cluster inspired by video game graphics.

Engines include an updated 2.3-liter EcoBoost and the 5.0-liter Coyote V8, now pushing past 480 hp in the GT. The highlight is the new **Dark Horse** model, a track-oriented variant with 500 hp and unique styling cues.

As of 2025, the Mustang stands as the **last V8-powered muscle car** in continuous production, outlasting competitors like the Dodge Challenger and Chevrolet Camaro, which ended production in the early 2020s. The Mustang now straddles two worlds: carrying forward raw V8 performance while sharing its badge with the all-electric Mach-E, symbolizing Ford's dual path into the future.

From its *explosive debut* in 1964 to its role as the **last traditional American muscle car** in 2025, the Ford Mustang has remained true to its essence: *style, speed, and accessibility*. It has weathered oil crises, emissions crackdowns, and corporate shifts without losing its cultural resonance. Each generation reflects its era—*compact pragmatism* in the '70s, *raw performance* in the '80s and '90s, *retro revival* in the 2000s, *global appeal* in the 2010s, and *technological fusion* in the 2020s.

What began as Lee Iacocca's gamble has become a rolling symbol of freedom and performance. Sixty years later, the Mustang is more than a car—**it's an American institution.**

"Blast from the past pics"

Old Fort Car Show

July 2012



Upcoming Events

October 14 - HMC Monthly Meeting - 6pm - Chicago Pizza

October 17 - Cars and Coffee at Master Power - 9am

October 17 - Fall Foliage Tour at Master Power - 10:30am

November 11 - HMC Monthly Meeting - 6pm - Chicago Pizza (last meeting of 2026)

November 14 - HMC Thanksgiving Pitch-in Meal - 5pm - Villas of Stonecrest

December 5 - HMC Christmas Luncheon - 11am - The Seasons Lodge, Nashville, IN

Mustang in the Movies

The Ford Mustang has become one of the most recognizable cars in movie history. Since its debut in 1964, it has appeared in hundreds of films, often playing a starring role rather than simply serving as transportation. Below are some of the most famous movie Mustangs.



1. Gone in 60 Seconds

H.B. "Toby" Halicki's original Gone in 60 Seconds turned the Mustang into practically a co-star. The film follows professional car thieves attempting to steal dozens of vehicles, with a yellow 1973 Mustang—nicknamed Eleanor—serving as the ultimate target. The movie is particularly famous for its enormous chase sequence, which contains an extraordinary number of crashes and stunts. Halicki personally drove the Mustang during much of the action, helping create the foundation for the Eleanor legend.



2. The Last Starfighter (1984)

The Mustang makes a memorable appearance in this science-fiction adventure as part of the film's everyday American setting. Although the car is not central to the plot, its presence reinforces the Mustang's role as an instantly recognizable symbol of American youth and performance. By the 1980s, the Mustang had become sufficiently established in popular culture that simply placing one in a scene could communicate a particular era and attitude.



3. Back to the Future II (1989)

In Back to the Future Part II, the Mustang is used as part of the film's vision of 2015. The futuristic setting allows the filmmakers to play with the idea of the Mustang's continuing popularity, including a futuristic-looking 2015 Mustang GT appearance. The sequence is especially interesting from a historical perspective because the movie imagined a future Mustang before the actual sixth-generation car existed.

Feature HMC car

Frank & Sandy Bayles'

2024 Ecoboost Mustang

The Specs:

The 2024 EcoBoost is an all-new 2.3L engine architecture -

it's the entry model but it's the **most powerful 4-cylinder Mustang ever**.

Powertrain

- **Engine:** 2.3L GTDI EcoBoost I-4 Turbocharged, 2.253L displacement
- **Horsepower:** 315 hp @ 5,500 rpm
- **Torque:** 350 lb-ft @ 3,000 rpm
- **Fuel:** Premium unleaded recommended - 315 hp / 350 lb-ft
- **Transmission:** 10-speed automatic only, no manual for EcoBoost
- Drive layout: 2-door,



Performance

- **0-60 mph:** 5.3 seconds
- **Quarter mile:** 13.6 - 14.5 sec
- **Top Speed:** 121 - 155 mph (limited, depends on tire / package)

Dimensions / Weight

- **Curb Weight:** 3,588 lbs Fastback / 3,741 lbs Convertible
- **Wheelbase:** 107.1 inches
- **Length:** 189.4 inches
- **Width:** 75.4 inches
- **Height:** 55 inches
- **Passenger Volume:** 82.8 cu ft / Trunk: 13.5 cu ft
- **Fuel Tank:** 16 gallons

Chassis

- Front Suspension: Strut / Rear: Multilink,
- **Brakes Standard:** 320mm front twin-piston / 320mm rear single-piston.
- **Wheels/Tires:** Performance Package 19x9.0 265/35R summer-only

Fuel Economy (EPA)

- **Standard:** 22 city / 33 highway / 26 combined
- **With High Performance Package:** 21 city / 29 highway / 24 combined

Trims / Base Price

- Available as EcoBoost Fastback,
- **Base MSRP:** $30,920 USD at launch, Premium around $37,445



Enjoy the story of this special car written by Frank Bayles.

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Frank & Sandy Bayles'

2024 Ecoboost Mustang

The Story:



On April 27, 2024 at our cars and coffee at Ford of Columbus I test drove this car. On May 14, 2024 I sold my 1970 Mustang Mach 1 to a gentleman in Lexington Kentucky . That was a tough decision. Then



May 15, 2024. I bought the Ford Ecoboost from Columbus Ford. The 1970 Mach 1 was a beautiful car to look at, but it was more than what I could handle and take care of. The Ecoboost has all the amenities of a new car plus the **thrill of it being a Mustang.** It was the 60th Anniversary of the Mustang in 2024 which they call the seventh Gen S650. After buying the car , I added a GT hood, GT Grill, rear wing, RTR front chin spoiler, Performance Pack wheels and tires.

Enjoying this car:

The **highlight of this summer** was taking the car to Detroit in August 2026 for the Woodward dream cruise, which was a *very awesome opportunity*. We had the opportunity of getting our cars photographed in front of the New World headquarters and the Old World headquarters, they called the glass house. It is scheduled to be torn down sometime soon. It was so much fun tying our new 6th Gen Mustang back to its heritage at the old headquarters, where all the history of the Mustang began.



Club Happenings

September, 2026

September 9th Monthly Meeting - 25 Members attended!
Reminder that attendance is taken at all HMC Calendar Events
(for special award at the Christmas Party)

HMC Pony Cruise & All Ford Fall Festival Car & Truck Show

What a great bunch of cars to look at!!! Good Job Everyone that helped in this year's show!













More pictures available on our website!

